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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMERSON MINITAT SYSTEM

REF: AMMAN 301

1. EMERSON APPLIED LAST SEPTEMBER 17 FOR LICENSE TO EXPORT ONE MINITAT ARMAMENT SYSTEM TO JORDANIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY AS "SAMPLE", FREE OF CHARGE. (SINCE FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER 5-12, SEEMS CLEAR THAT EMERSON HAD OFFERED THIS SYSTEM AS GIFT TO KING HUSSEIN BEFORE RPT BEFORE IT APPLIED FOR MC EXPORT LICENSE.) EMERSON STATED TO MC AT TIME OF APPLICATION THAT IT ANTICIPATED THAT GOJ, AFTER EVALUATING THE SAMPLE, WOULD PLACE ORDER FOR UP TO 50 MINITAT SYSTEMS. NO MENTION WAS MADE IN APPLICATION OF SAMPLE HAVING BEEN OFFERED TO HUSSEIN AS GIFT, NOR WAS DEPARTMENT AWARE OF ANY GOJ INTEREST IN ACQUIRING MINITAT
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SYSTEM. AT NO TIME HAS EMERSON ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF ITS DEALINGS WITH JORDANIANS ON THIS MATTER OR OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT. IN FACT, WE FIRST LEARNED THAT EMERSON HAD OFFERED MINITAT SAMPLE TO THE KING AS GIFT WHEN JORDANIAN MILATT HERE APPROACHED US WITH THIS NEWS ON JAN. 11. WHEN DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY QUERIED

EMERSON, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED OFFERING SYSTEM AS GIFT, BUT
GAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THEIR FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT.
OF FACT.

2. DEPARTMENT HAD THEREFORE PROCESSED EMERSON'S APPLICA-
TION IN TOTAL IGNORANCE OF FIRM'S PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH
GOJ. WE FINALLY DECIDED--ON GROUNDS OF (A) APPARENT AB-
SENCE OF ANY SIGN THAT JORDANIANS WERE INTERESTED IN
MINITAT, AT LEAST IN OCTOBER WHEN IT WAS PROCESSED THROUGH
NEA, (B) OUR DESIRE TO DISCOURAGE COMPANY-INITIATED SALES
VENTURES INVOLVING WEAPONS SYSTEMS OF THIS KIND, AND
(C) ACDA OBJECTIONS--TO DISAPPROVE EMERSON'S APPLICATION.
COMPANY WAS INFORMED OF THIS DECISION ON DECEMBER 29.

3. CASE IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT MC EXPORT
LICENSE WOULD RELEASE ONLY THE TURRET PORTION OF THE
MINITAT SYSTEM TO GOJ. LATTER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN
THE 7.62 MM GATLING GUN MECHANISM THROUGH NORMAL FMS PRO-
CEDURES.

4. WE ARE OF COURSE WILLING TO RE-EXAMINE THIS DECISION
IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN REFTEL. ALTHOUGH
EMERSON HAS NOT RPT NOT REQUESTED MC TO REVIEW ITS
APPLICATION (DESPITE ITS APPARENT PROFESSIONS TO THE
CONTRARY FOR JORDANIAN CONSUMPTION), JORDANIAN MILATT HAS
SUBMITTED A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR THE ACQUISITION BY
GOJ OF ONE MINITAT SYSTEM TO MC ON JAN. 14, WHICH INCLUDES
THE GATLING GUN MECHANISM. MILATT PROCEEDING ON ASSUMP-
TION THAT EMERSON WILL PAY FOR SYSTEM ON GOJ'S BEHALF IF
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FMS TRANSACTION IS APPROVED BY U.S. HE HAS COPY OF
MESSAGE TO KING FROM EMERSON WHICH INDICATES EMERSON
INTENDED TO GIVE AWAY FULL SYSTEM, INCLUDING GATLING GUN.
MILATT ALSO NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT KING'S INTEREST IS SO
INTENSE THAT SOURCE OF FUNDS IS RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT.

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